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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS BY MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of connections provided by MTNL in Delhi and Mumbai respectively till date;

(b) the cost of one connection in these two cities;

(c) whether the MTNL has planned to expand GSM connections in near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Dolphin venture of MTNL has failed to keep pace with demand; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Total number of connections provided by MTNL in Delhi and Mumbai are 21,59,752 and 26,13,916 respectively as on 31.07.2004. The details are given in the Annexure.

(b) The approximate cost per connection is as under:

	Delhi	Mumbai
Landline	Rs.16,628	Rs.19,534
GSM Mobile	Rs.6,103	Rs. 5,720
WLL	Rs. 11,500	Rs. 9,056

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 4 lakh each GSM capacity expansion is planned during 2004-05 in Delhi and Mumbai.

(e) & (f) Dolphin Service of MTNL, Delhi and Mumbai was launched in Februray, 2001. The other private operators had established considerable network by that time. However, Dolphin venture of MTNL has provided sufficient network capacity to keep pace with the demand.

ANNEXURE

No. of Telephone connections provided in Delhi and Mumbai Till 31.07.2004.

Telephone Connections as on 31.07.2004	Delhi	Mumbai
Landline	18,69,774	23,25,748
GSM Mobile	2,05,170	2,24,201
WLL	84,808	63,967
Total	21,59,752	26,13,916